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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): M. KIGUCHI, et al EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
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For: OPTICAL APPARATUSES USING THE NEAR-FIELD LIGHT  
Group: 2859  
Examiner: G. Verbitsky

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application in response to the office action dated December 23, 2004. The following amendments are as listed below and set forth on the following pages:

Amendments to the Specification; and  
Remarks are included following the amendments.